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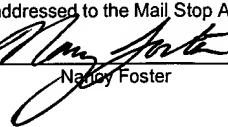
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In re Application of:)
M. Patricia BECKMANN et al.)
Application No.: 09/904,954) Group Art Unit: 1646
Filed: July 12, 2001) Examiner: Mertz, Prema M
For: DNA ENCODING A HEK LIGAND) Confirmation No. 4147
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Sir:

PETITION FOR SECOND MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a second month extension of time to reply to the Final Office Action mailed August 24, 2004. A Petition for One Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee were filed on December 21, 2004. A fee of \$330.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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